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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Action Pathways, Inc) CC Docket No. 02-6
In the Schools and Libraries Program)

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF 471 APPLICATION AND ITEM 21 DEADLINE

Action Pathways, Inc (Head Start), BEN 16055701

FCCRN: 0020243093

470: 160038655

471: 181042503 (Year 3 of a 3-year contract)

FRN 1899083184 – WAN -17 Head Start Locations in Fayetteville NC

Action Pathways, Inc., a Head Start organization in Fayetteville, North Carolina, serving the population of hundreds of military families at Fort Bragg, home of the 82nd Airborne Division, and Pope Air Force Base, respectfully requests a waiver of the 2018-19 Form 471 application and Item 21 deadline. In accordance with longstanding Commission precedent granting deadline waivers for extraordinary events such as death, deployment or illness of key applicant personnel specifically in the Academy

of Academic Excellence decision,¹ we ask the Commission to grant this waiver request.

Our designated point person for filing applications this year was on family medical leave from 2/14/18-4/9/18 and was unable to perform E-Rate duties during the filing window. Medical documentation can be provided to the Commission on a confidential basis if requested.

When we discovered this oversight we contacted our State E-rate Coordinator, Jeannene Hurley, who assisted staff with submission the application - a continuation of an existing WAN contract from the previous two years. The application was submitted as soon as possible after discovery and was submitted less than three days after the two-week grace period the Commission has historically grants waivers for. We are filing this request today because we are confident that the Commission understands the complex nature of E-rate, especially when there is no direct advocate for Head Start organizations in the Schools and Libraries mechanism.

Based on our circumstances and Commission precedent, we ask that the Commission waive the March 22, 2018 Form 471 filing deadline in this case and restore badly needed funding for Action Pathways.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of April, 2018.

Karen Walker

¹ Acorn Public Library, DA 08-2376, Rel. October 30, 2008; Bishop Perry, FCC 06-54, Rel. May 19,2006; Academy of Academic Excellence, DA 07-1180, Rel. March 9,2007; Greenfield Public School District, DA 06-487, Rel. February 28, 2006 (Deployment).